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# DALE PARNELL TO KEYNOTE 1983 AJCCA CONVENTION

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### Dale Parnell to Address Membership at '83 AJCCA Convention



**Dr. Dale Parnell**

Dale Parnell, president of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges, has won national stature as a respected national advocate of the theme, "Opportunity With Excellence," for 9 million students in the nation's 1,219 community, technical, and junior colleges. His counsel is sought by the nation's policy makers, and his voice is heard in the crucial Congressional committees.

He has come to this position of leadership by way of an outstanding record based on his own extensive experience as classroom instructor, high school principal, county school superintendent, Oregon superintendent of public instruction (elected by popular vote three different times). He is acknowledged as one of the prime movers in establishing the Oregon Community College System. He has served as the chief executive officer of three community colleges — founding president of Lane Community College in Oregon, first chancellor of the San Diego Community College System, and president of San Joaquin Delta in California.

During all the years of wrenching controversies and massive changes in education, Dr. Parnell is best known as an articulate and forceful advocate on behalf of the comprehensive community college. In addition, he is recognized as a national leader in the field of technical education. He served, by Presidential appointment, as chairman of the National Council on Equal Educational Opportunity.

His list of lectureships, publications, memberships, and honors is impressive. Most recently he received the NCRD Distinguished Leadership Award for 1982. Suffice to say that when Dale Parnell speaks he speaks from personal knowledge, he speaks from the deep conviction that community, technical, and junior colleges have made a positive contribution toward improving our nation's future prospects, and he speaks from the heart in his beliefs that every student counts in terms of inherent dignity and worth potential.

### President's Message

Our Association is indeed fortunate to have secured as outstanding an educator as Dr. Dale Parnell to keynote the 1983 convention in Birmingham on April 14 and 15. Dr. Parnell's biographical data, appearing in an adjacent article, highlights only a few of his myriad accomplishments.

At the most recent meeting of the AJCCA Executive Committee, the theme "Putting Alabama Back to Work" was chosen for the conference. The committee felt this topic was especially timely in view of the current unemployment rates at both state and national levels. Also, Dr. Parnell is especially able to address these concerns as he recently served as chairman of an AACJC task force which developed the concept paper, "Putting America Back to Work." This paper was developed to underscore the importance of human resource development in the economic life of our nation and to present a proposal for improving adult employment development and training.

The Commission and Interest Group Chairpersons of your Association are planning sessions to support the conference theme and to suggest avenues for practical applications.

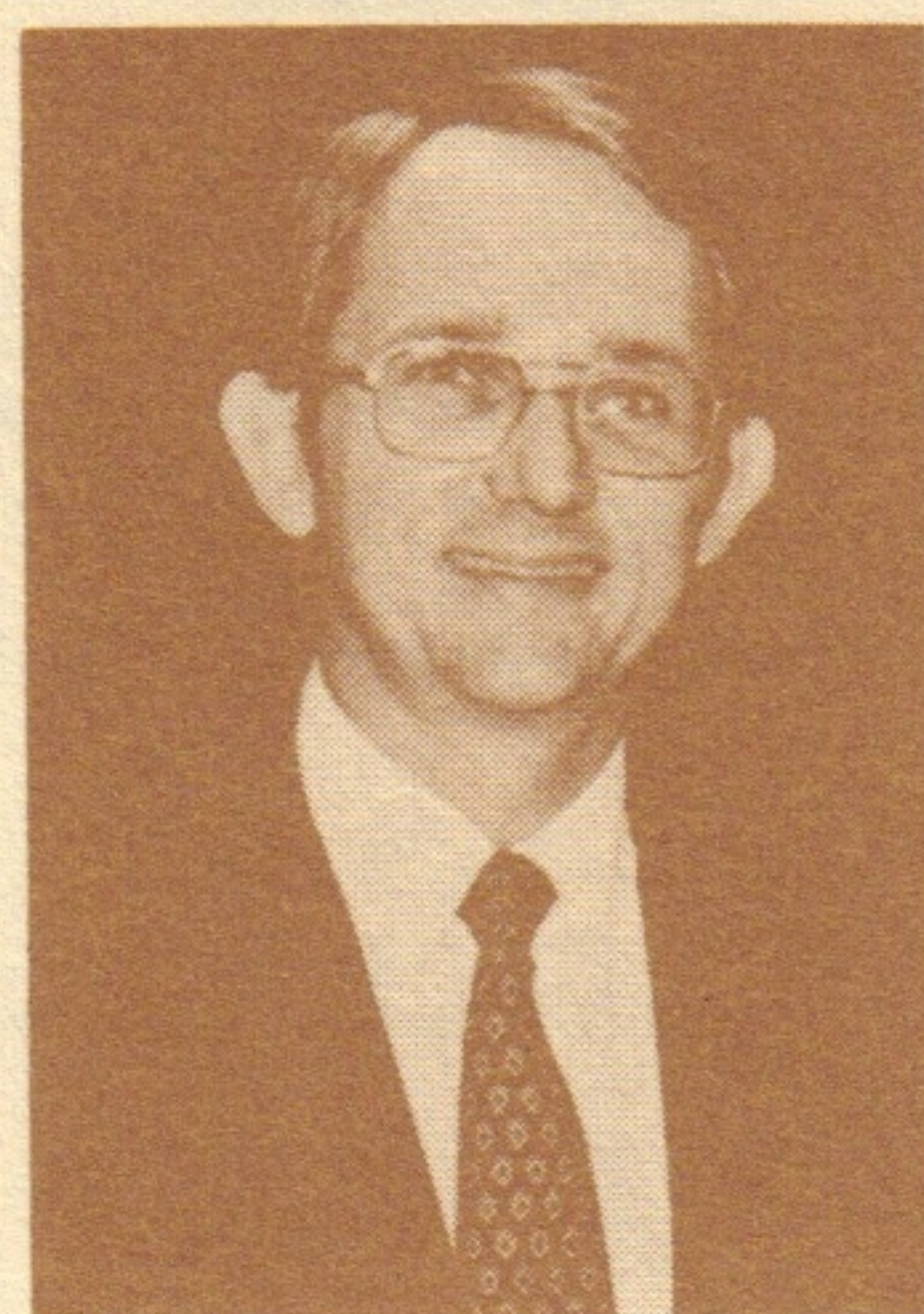
Gene Brannon, Association Vice-President, has accepted responsibility for organizing the exhibits at the convention. Gene is planning to attract a record number of exhibitors this year and to offer them additional opportunities for participation in convention activities.

The February issue of the Newsletter will contain room reservation cards for the Birmingham Hilton, registration blanks and an overview of conference activities. The registration fee will again be \$20, the sixth year without an increase. Remember, the success of the conference depends upon your presence and your participation.



# ALABAMA JUNIOR AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION COMMISSION LEADERSHIP

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Ms. Myrle Hill

Ms. Helen Landrum

Commission Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons plan Commission programs and Coordinate Interest Group Sessions for this annual convention. They also serve as members of the AJCCA Executive Committee.

## 1982-83 AJCCA CAMPUS EDITORS NAMED

Most colleges have named AJCAA campus editors for 1982-83. Below is the list of those individuals. They are doing an excellent job of keeping the AJCCA Newsletter editor informed concerning news of the local campuses. Be sure to share your news with these persons at each campus.

Ms. Mary Bubbett  
Wallace State Community College  
Dothan

Ms. Elizabeth L. Cooper  
Snead State Junior College

Dr. Joanne S. Jordan  
Southern Union State Junior College

Ms. Grace Kelley  
Jefferson State Junior College

Ms. Lucy Kubiszyn  
Shelton State Community College

Mr. Robert E. Lee  
Lawson State Community College

Ms. Cindy Moore  
Jefferson Davis State Junior College

Ms. Dianne McWilliams  
George C. Wallace State Community College  
Selma

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Bishop State Junior College

Ms. Suzi Richburg  
Gadsden State Junior College

Ms. Grace Tadlock  
L. B. Wallace State Junior College

Dr. Alice W. Villadsen  
Calhoun Community College

Ms. Madge Mullins Wilbanks  
Northeast Alabama State Junior College

Mr. Michael Williams  
Chattahoochee Valley Community College

Dr. Linda C. Wilson  
Enterprise State Junior College

Mr. John Wynn  
Alexander City State Junior College

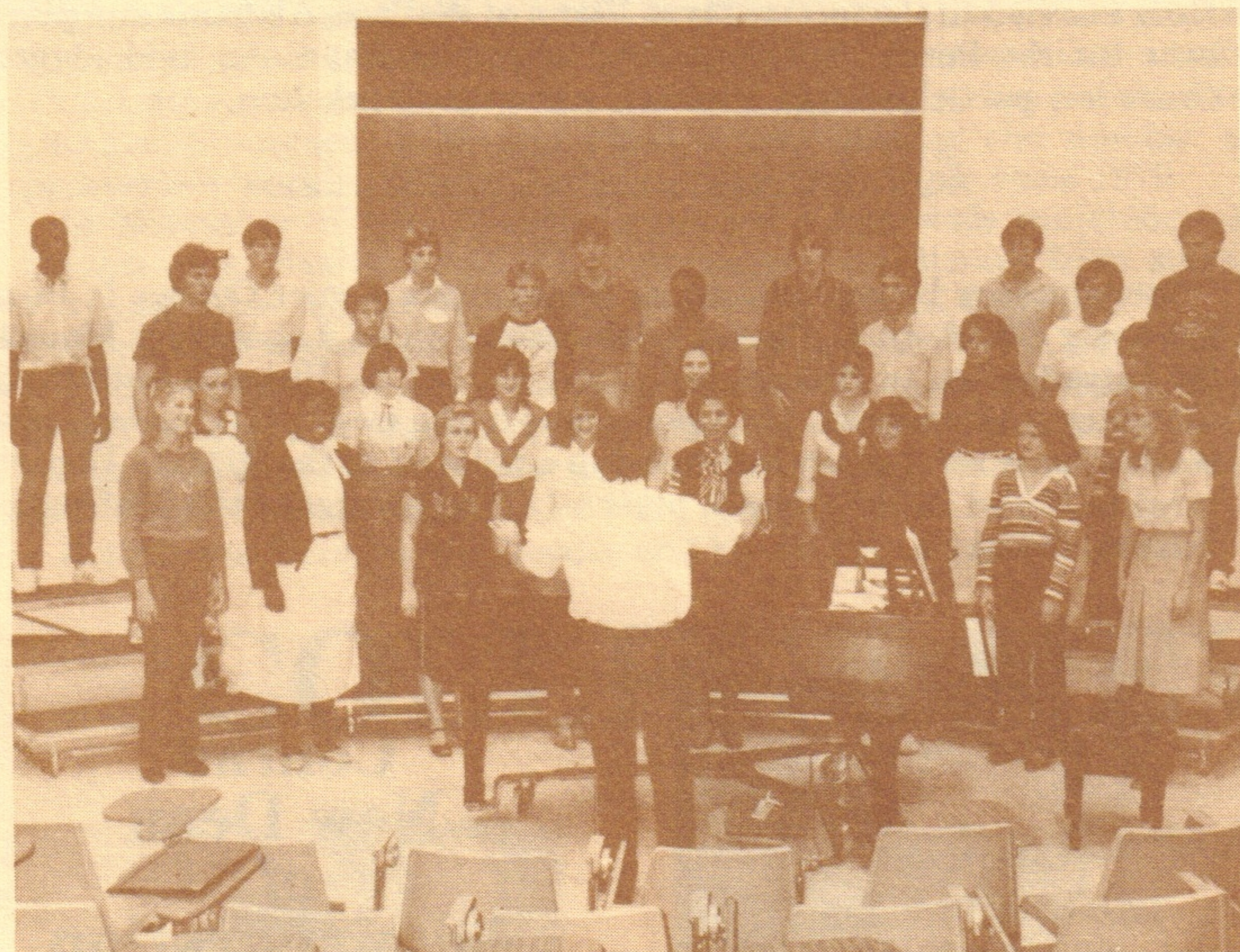


# NEWS ABOUT STUDENTS

## Enterprise Choral Groups Wins Awards



**ENTERPRISE — BEST OF COLLEGE DIVISION** — The Enterprise State Junior College Entertainers received the highest rating of any college group in the National Peanut Festival Choral Competition this week. They received straight superior ratings and were named Best of College Division. Shown from left are Robin Walden, David Dean, Enterprise; Don Reese, Ft. Rucker; Keith Ammons, Denise Johnson, Rusty Presley, Enterprise; Janet Strickland, Ozark; John Leddon, Geneva; Jim Story, Deana Craig, Enterprise; Ann Fisher, Geneva; Rusty Roddy, Christine Holland, Del Lee, Enterprise; Judy Brighton, Ozark; and Bubba Carr, Enterprise. Patty McDermont is director and accompanist for the group.



**ENTERPRISE — SINGERS ARE SUPERIOR** — The Enterprise State Junior College Singers received straight superior ratings at the National Peanut Festival Choral competition this week. Shown from left are, front row, Dawn Money, Geneva; Florence Barnes, Elba; Naomi Benefield, Jack; Janet Strickland, Ozark; Claudevelyn Pound, Daleville; Ann Fisher, Geneva; Judy Brighton, Ozark; Janet Brown, Daleville; 2nd row, Beth Shryock, Enterprise; Ronznana Tindell, Casey Cote, Daleville; Tammy Chandler, Enterprise; Renee Cline, Geneva; Terri Garner, Enterprise; Voncile Campbell, Ozark; 3rd row, Tim Stewart, Tom Mitchell, Daleville; Del Lee, Enterprise; Qasim Coleman, Troy; Randy Fulford, Tracey Kyser, Daleville; 4th row, Jim Harris, Ozark; Steve Cowart, Elba; Bubba Carr, Enterprise; Stanley Moore, Elba; Scott Sims, Richard Bedsole and Scott Quisenberry, Enterprise. Dr. Richard Snyder, chairman, ESJC Fine Arts Division, directs the group.

## Scholars' Bowl League Organized

Students in Alabama's Junior and Community Colleges now have an opportunity to demonstrate academic excellence through participation in the recently organized Alabama Junior College Scholars' Bowl League. Robert Calligan, Commissioner, and David Smith, Assistant Commissioner, both from Lawson State Community College, were instrumental in organizing and promoting the activities of the League. Eleven colleges are the charter members of the organization. Two of a scheduled seven rounds of competition have been held. The League standings at the end of these two rounds are 1) Walker, 2) Jefferson State, 3) Shelton State, 4) Brewer State, 5) Faulkner State, 6) Enterprise State, 7) Northwest State, 8) Southern Union, 9) Wallace (Hanceville), 10) Patrick Henry, 11) Lawson State. Tournament finals will be held on May 13 and 14 with trophies to winning schools and scholarships for individual high point competitors among the planned awards.

A total of 74 outstanding students have represented the eleven colleges as team members after two rounds of play. The top ten scorers at this point are 1) Barry Abston, Shelton; 2) Michael Saltmarch, Lawson; 3) Richard Gist, Brewer; 4) Tim Martin, Walker; 5) David Link, Faulkner; 6) Mike Lee, Jefferson State; 7) Brian Hargett, Northwest; 8) Brent Rachel, Enterprise; 9) James Cook, Wallace at Hanceville; 10) Kay Stillwagon, Jefferson State.

## Snead State Students Win Ribbons At State Fair

Snead State Junior College Animal Health Technology students won 32 ribbons showing dairy cattle, swine and dairy goats at the Alabama State Fair livestock shows in Birmingham this fall. They won first and second place ribbons in nine district classes in the goat show and both grand champion and reserve champion in Class 13.



**See You at the Convention!!!!**



# FOCUS ON FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION



Glenda Guyton, left, President of AAWDAC presents Cater Award to Susan Parker while President James Vickery, University of Montevallo, looks on.

## Cater Award Presented To Calhoun Employee

The Alabama Association of Women Deans, Administrators, and Counselors (AAWDAC) recently held its annual fall workshop at the University of Montevallo. At the meeting, the association selected Susan Parker, coordinator of college promotions at Calhoun State Community College, as this year's recipient of the Katherine Cater Award.

Katherine Cater was an outstanding woman administrator at Auburn University, and this award is presented each year to the woman deemed as the most outstanding graduate student in the State of Alabama.

Susan, in addition to being employed full-time at Calhoun, serving as publicity chair for Morgan County United Way and membership chair of the Decatur Chamber, is also enrolled full-time in the doctoral program in higher education at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Susan travels to Tuscaloosa in the evening and on weekends.

In addition to receiving a plaque and certificate, Susan's name will be placed on a plaque to be kept on permanent display in the Student Center at Auburn University.

Susan is married to Paul Parker and they reside in Hartselle.



Elizabeth Brett

## Calhoun Community College Names Honors Program Director

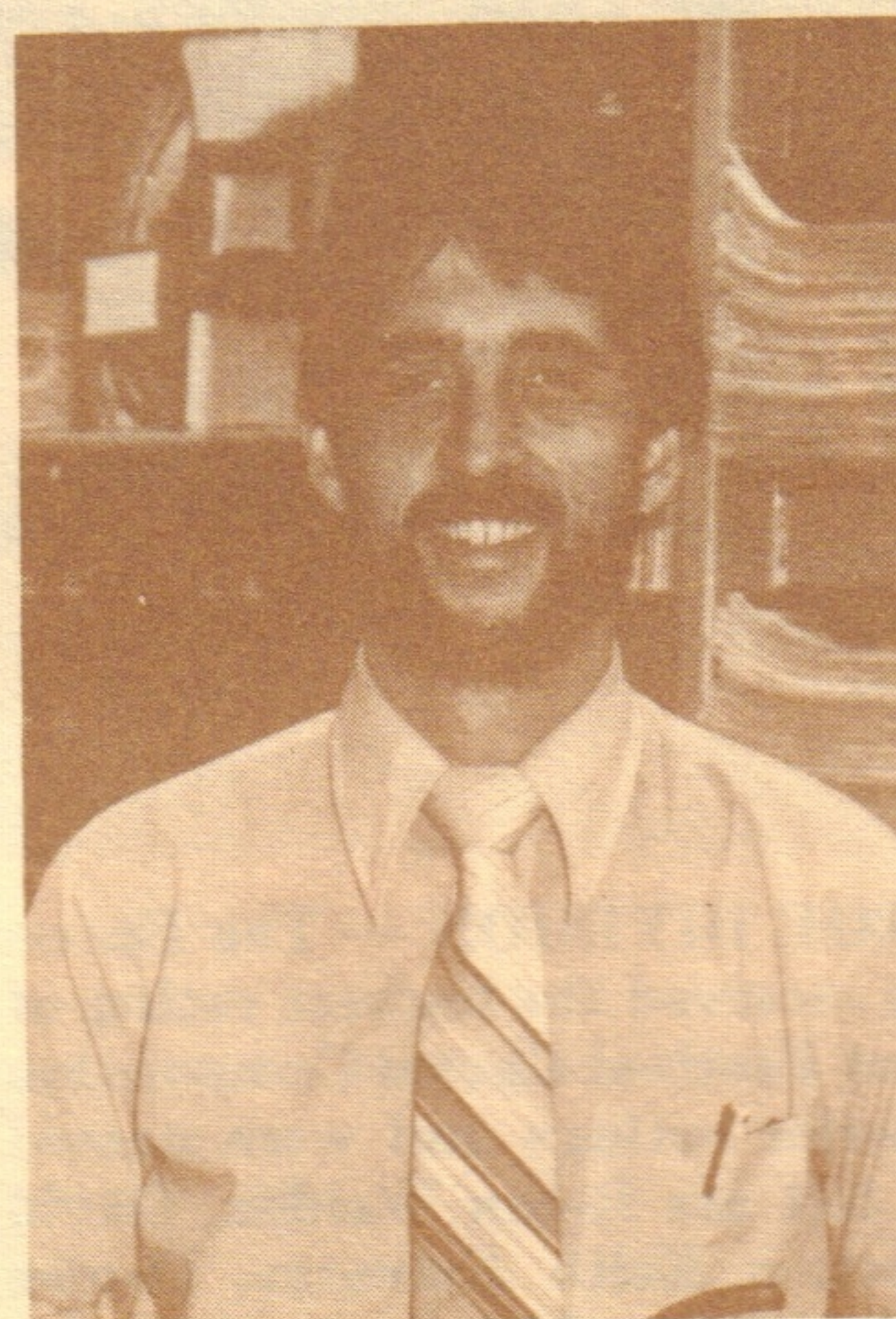
Ms. Elizabeth Brett has been named full-time Director of the Honors Program of Calhoun Community College.

The Honors Program, which began in 1978, provides advanced students the opportunity to attend challenging and stimulating classes designed especially for them. Ms. Brett joins members of the Social Science Division at Calhoun as an

instructor in Western Civilization.

Honors courses at Calhoun College include English Composition, College Algebra, Psychology, Western Civilization, and Great Ideas.

## Faculty Members Publish



John Cross

John Cross, English instructor at Jefferson Davis Junior College in Brewton, Alabama, is using in his fall quarter English Composition classes a workbook that he wrote and had published by Burgess Publishing Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The workbook, **ELEMENTS OF WRITING: A WORKBOOK**, is being used as a supplement to the textbook for the English 101 course in the essentials of grammar and composition. The cover of the publication was designed by John Powell, museum curator at the college.

Cross, a native of Louisiana, received his BA degree from LSU and his Masters from Vanderbilt. He came to Brewton three years ago from Savannah, Georgia where he taught high school English for four years. He is married to the former Myra Bland of Wallace, Alabama and plays bass for the Porch Pickers, a local bluegrass band. An avid jogger, Cross has participated in Brewton's Murder Creek Run.

Introductory biology classes at Snead State Junior College in Boaz are using Elizabeth L. Cooper's lab manual titled **Laboratory Manual for Introduction to Biology** published in 1982 by Burgess Publishing Company, Minneapolis. Ms. Cooper was in the medical technology profession for several years before being employed in the Biology Department at Snead in 1971. She is presently the Director of the Division of Natural Sciences.



Dr. Conrad

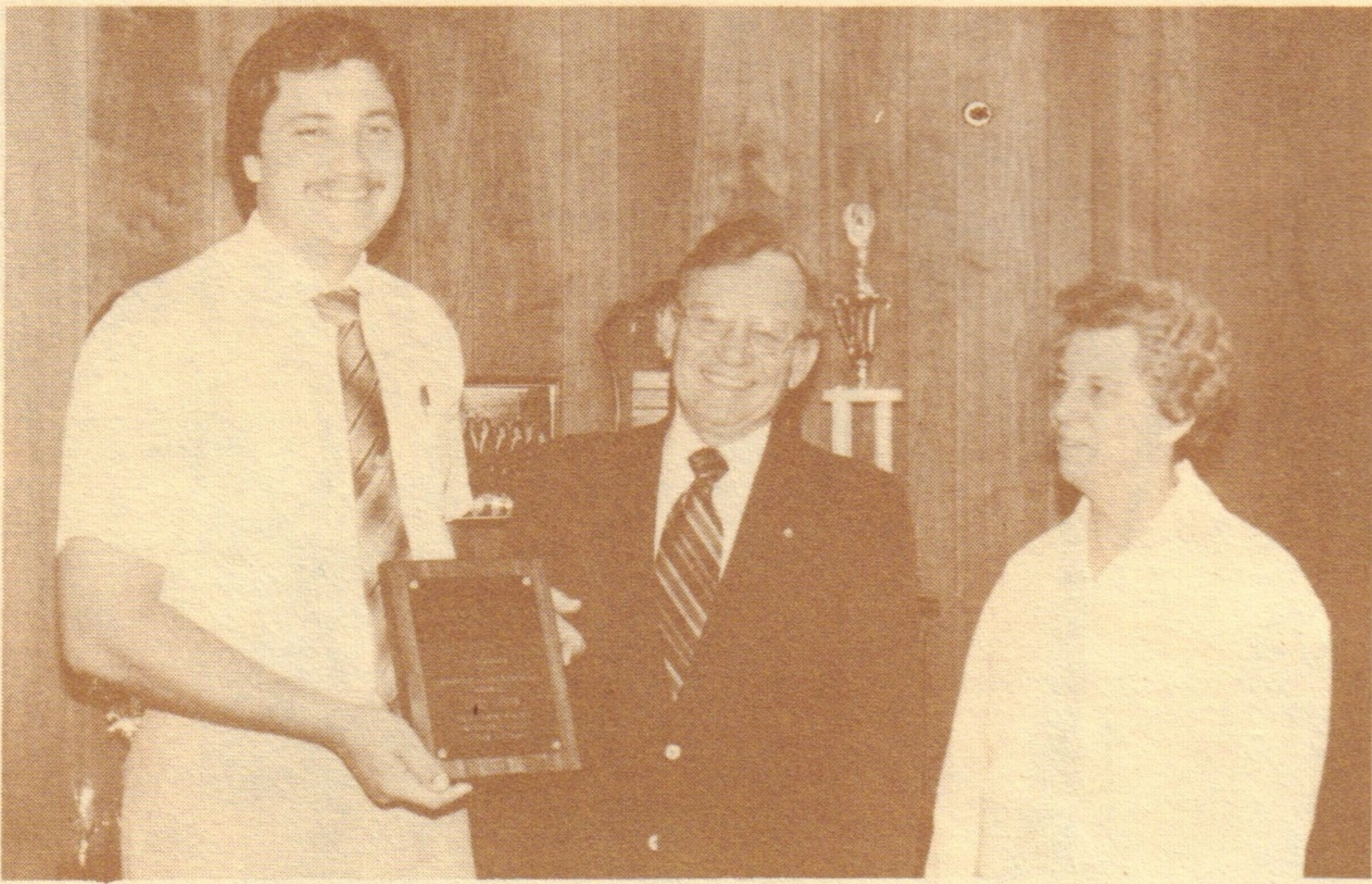
## Conrad New Dean of Administration

Lora P. Conrad has been appointed Dean of Administration at Northwest Junior College, as announced by President, Charlie Britnell.

Dr. Conrad received her Ed. D. in Educational Administration in 1981. Her duties now include supervision of computer information systems, computer instructional

program, development functions, federal grants coordination, operations and maintenance, admissions and student records, public relations, and Talent Search Project. She has been at Northwest since 1976 and has over fifteen years in the computer field.





Larry Gosdin (left), Co-Director of the Gadsden State Junior College Emergency Medical Technology Program was recently selected as the UAB Emergency Medical Technologist of the Year. Pictured with Gosdin are (center) Dr. Arthur Dennis, President of Gadsden State Junior College and Mrs. Maud Davis, recently retired Chairperson for the GSJC Division of Health Care Education.

## Gosdin Selected as UAB Emergency Technologist of the Year

Larry Gosdin, Co-Director of the Gadsden State Junior College Emergency Medical Technology Program, was recently selected as the UAB Emergency Medical Technologist of the Year. Gosdin was presented this award at a program on the UAB campus.

His selection as the UAB EMT of the Year was based on work with the Emergency Medical Services in the East Alabama area. After completing his training in the UAB Regional Technical Institute Program in the Fall of 1977, Larry worked as a paramedic in Ft. Payne. He left there to become co-director of the GSJC EMT Program in July of 1980.

Larry has been chairman of the East Alabama EMS Training Committee since the Fall of 1980. This voluntary committee has been responsible for coordinating all levels of EMS education in this region, and defining needs and mapping out programs to meet those needs. This training committee, under Gosdin's leadership, has established paramedic courses in several rural areas, causing the number of paramedics working in this region to more than triple since 1979.

In November of 1981, Gosdin organized a statewide conference on trauma care. Nearly 200 EMT's, nurses and physicians from across Alabama attended the conference which was held in Gadsden.

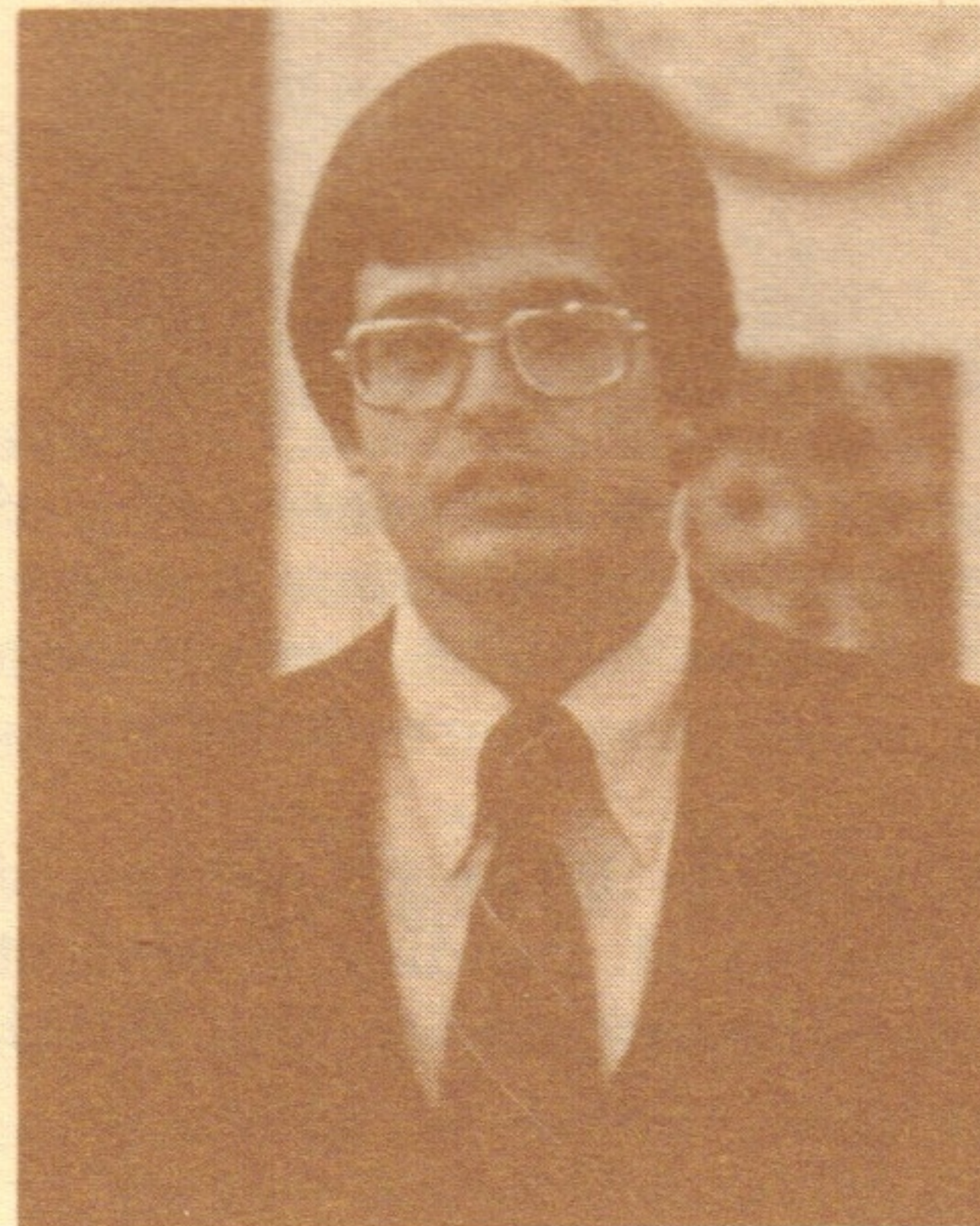
Gosdin has worked extensively with other agencies in the state which provide emergency medical services. Along with these activities, he is deeply involved in organizing and teaching classes which train basic cardiac life support instructors in Etowah County. In recent months over 40 persons have graduated from these classes.

A native of Fort Payne, Gosdin and his family live in Gadsden.

## Wilmarth Receives Appointment

Dr. Richard R. Wilmarth, Psychology instructor at Alexander City State Junior College was recently appointed to the American Personnel and Guidance Association's Government Relations Committee. In his current position as Chairman of the American Mental Health Counselors Association's Legislative and Government Relations Committee, Dr. Wilmarth will be representing AMHCA on the national level concerning legislation as it relates to the Counseling profession as a whole. In addition to these positions, Dr. Wilmarth has been nominated for President of the American Mental Health Counselors Association, the third largest division of the American Personnel and Guidance Association. Dr. Wilmarth has just completed his term of office of President of the Alabama Mental Health Counselors Association. Among other professional activities, Dr. Wilmarth has recently written an article "The Effect of Response and Presentation Modes on Trainee's Responding", which was published in the National Journal of Counselor Education and Supervision, December 1982 issue.

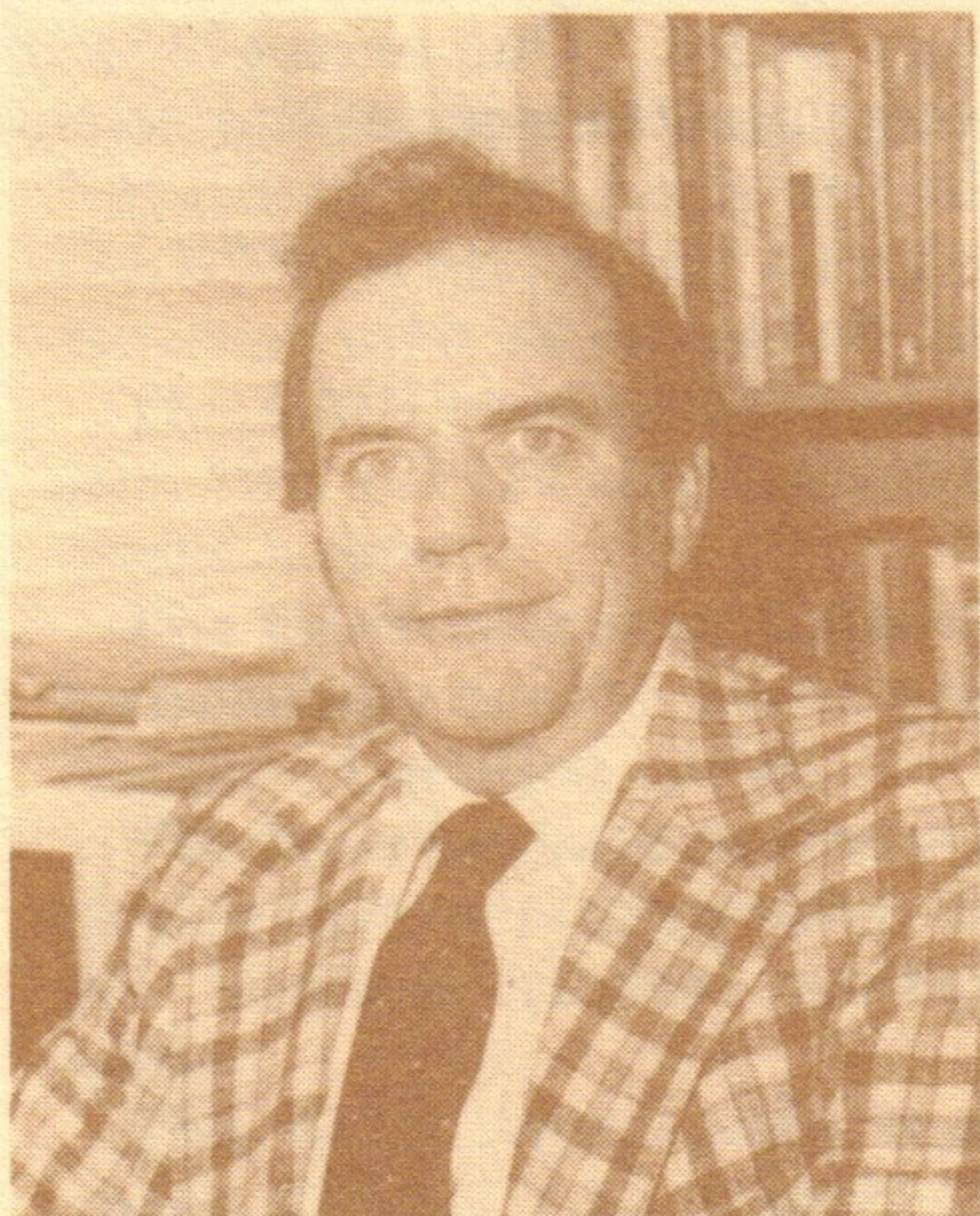
## Howington Receives Doctorate



Arthur F. Howington, dean of instruction of Shelton State Junior College, received his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University in June. Howington also received his MA in 1970 from Vanderbilt and his BA from Birmingham Southern College in 1967. Before coming to Shelton State in 1979, Howington taught at Brewer State and Walker Junior College.

He is a member of the Alabama Historical Association, Tennessee Historical Association, Organization of American Historians, Southern Historical Association, and the Alabama Education Association. He has also served as a member of the Constitution Revision Committee, Alabama Junior and Community College Association, 1978, the membership committee, Southern Historical Association, 1978-79, Executive Committee, Alabama Junior and Community College Association, 1981-1982, and President, Alabama Academic Deans' Association, 1981-1982.

# COLLEGE NEWS AND NOTES



Dr. John Hayman is primary speaker at Computer Exposition held at Wallace, Dothan.

## Wallace College, Dothan Host Computer Exposition For Educators

By 1988, at least 80 percent of all American homes will have computers. Dr. John Hayman told some 100 educators attending a Computer Exposition recently at George C. Wallace State Community College in Dothan.

An instructor on the campus and a computer expert, Dr. Hayman said "The computer revolution has taken an unexpected turn with the microcomputer. It is not a toy anymore." According to Dr.

Hayman for less than \$100, one can now buy a home computer that will fit in the hand and has more capability than the first commercial models which filled a good-sized building and cost a half-million dollars.

Dr. Hayman is founding president of the Alabama Council for Computer Education, which he says is growing at the rate of more than 100 members a month. The organization shares information and helps members with advice on hardware, software, and other aspects of computers which he called a tool of the future.

The Council plans a series of workshops and publishes a newsletter. Its first annual meeting will be in Mobile in January.

The Exposition, sponsored by the Business Administration Department at Wallace Community College, included demonstrations of computer models by several firms including Apple Computers, TRS-80 (Radio Shack), Texas Instruments, Commodore and Intertec.





Authors of *Cherokee and Proud of It*, Brenda Brown (left) and Marcelle Edwards, presented a copy of the book to Ann Bittel, Northeast librarian and Dr. Charles M. Pendley, President of Northeast.

## Northeast Receives Memorial Book On Region

Two teachers from Jackson County, co-authors of the book, *Cherokee and Proud of It*, recently presented a copy of their book to the library of Northeast Alabama State Junior College in memory of Wayne Pendley, late principal of Pisgah High School, "because he had worked with them in the migrant program" according to authors Marcelle Edwards and Brenda Brown.

The book about Indian ancestry and customs in Jackson County and the United States was presented to Dr. Charles M. Pendley, President of Northeast and brother of the late Wayne Pendley, and to Ann Bittel, chief librarian at the College.

## Writing Laboratory Initiated At Lawson State

Good writing requires the mastery of specific skills and the development of a personal style. In order to help students achieve this personal style, the Lawson State Community College has developed a Developmental Writing Laboratory. This writing laboratory is initiated through Title III Funding.

The laboratory is a self-paced instructional writing center designed to improve the basic skills of all students. The lab is also designed for underprepared students who have special problems in the basic writing skills. The Writing Laboratory is structured to meet the needs of each student whether the students needs extensive or minimal help. It is geared toward life experiences, personal identity, self-awareness, self-expression, and self-fulfillment as essential elements in the development of students' communication skills.

Another goal of the laboratory experiences is to help students with their writing problems across the curriculum.



Dr. Kenneth Swinhoe, a pioneer in technical education in Great Britain, visited George C. Wallace State Community College and conferred with its administrators about their plans for combining high technology and industry in the educational program there. Left to right are Alton Boyd, psychology instructor and member of the Dothan Rotary Club which hosted his visit; Dr. Nathan Hodges, president of Wallace College; Dr. Swinhoe; Dr. Larry Beaty, administrative dean; and Dr. Shirley Woodie, assistant to the president.

## High Technology Era Foreseen By Visitor To Wallace, Dothan

One of Great Britain's leaders in the field of high technology education visited George C. Wallace State Community College recently and found parallels between the programs there and those in England.

Dr. Kenneth Swinhoe, principal of Slough College of Higher Education in Berkshire County, England, was in Dothan last weekend during an eight-week tour of the United States as a Walter Hines Page Scholar and guest of Rotary International.

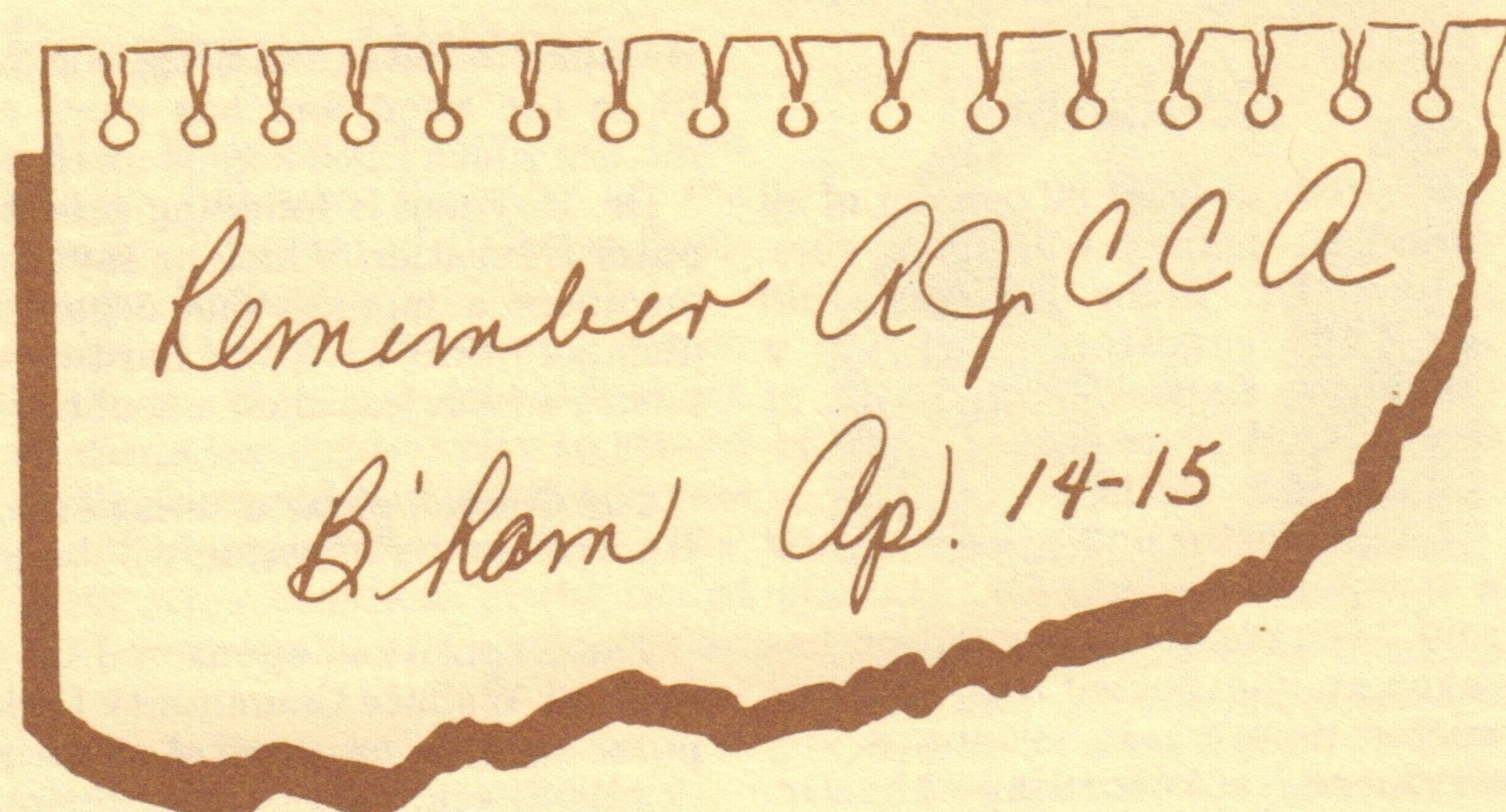
Dr. Swinhoe, is a pioneer in forming linkages between education, and business and industry. He is deeply involved in formulating the ideas and concepts which will incorporate technology into the educational programs of the future.

On a tour of Wallace Community College, he told Dr. Larry Beaty, administrative dean, that he and other British educators see a high technology era approaching and they are trying to ready their response to the demands of such an era in the world of work.

High technology is the use of the latest instrumentation and scientific developments, such as micro-processors and robotics. "These are the developments we were told to anticipate years ago," Dr. Beaty said. "Now they are inexpensive enough to be practical for use in business and industry."

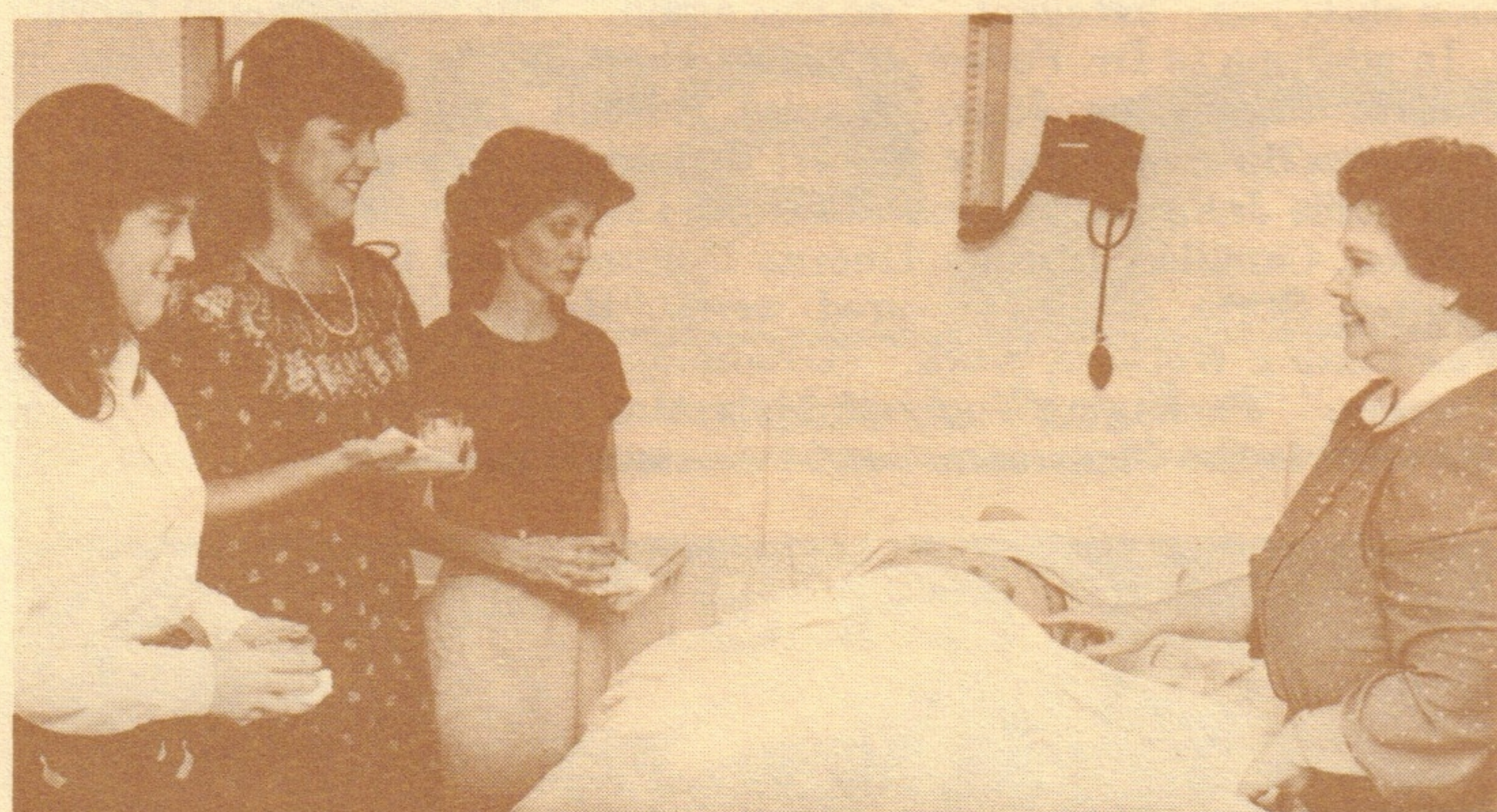
The difference in technology now and a decade ago is that where formerly there was a lag of 10 to 12 years between a discovery and the time it was put into practice on the job, the time now averages only one and a half to two years.

Dr. Beaty noted that Wallace Community College is attempting to prepare for the coming "high technology boom." One example is the current incorporation of word processing into the secretarial science curriculum.





# Two New Programs At Shelton State



Mary Ann Pearson, Chairman of Shelton's new department of nursing, shows the ADN lab to students during a recent reception.

## Associate Degree In Nursing Program

**TUSCALOOSA . . .** An Associate Degree in Nursing program, sometimes referred to as a career mobility program for licensed practical nurses, is part of the new curriculum for fall at Shelton State Junior College. A licensed practical nurse, or an "LPN", may make application for the program if she holds a current LPN License, has practiced as an LPN for at least one year, completed pre-requisites in Biology, English, and Psychology, and scored 75 or better on each of three ADN challenge exams. This year 20 students are enrolled in the 69-hour course.

"There are thousands of LPN's in Tuscaloosa, a whole block of people just waiting to see how our program develops," said Mary Ann Pearson, chairman of the department of nursing at Shelton. "We are totally committed to excellence in this program, and our ultimate goal is to put out a skilled, high quality graduate who performs well, both academically and clinically." Ms. Pearson says she is frequently asked the difference between an Associate Degree in Nursing and the more traditional four-year Bachelor of Science degree? None as far as salary is concerned, according to Pearson. "Tuscaloosa hospitals do not differentiate between a BS and an AD degree in nursing when it comes to salary. However, the AD nurse is geared to be a bedside nurse with highly developed technical skills while the BS nurse is trained more towards leadership and administrative approach."

## EMS Program At Southern Union Trains 373 Since 1979

Southern Union State Junior College's EMS (Emergency Medical Services) program, under the leadership and medical direction of Dr. Willis Isreal and lead instruction of Mrs. Brenda J. Beasley, has trained some 373 students in Emergency Medical Technology in the past three years.

Mrs. Beasley was employed by Southern Union in 1979 as a part-time EMT instructor. As public education and public awareness has grown, the EMS program has also grown. Mrs. Beasley is now full time lead instructor with an assistant instructor, Mrs. Joyce Brand.

The EMS courses offered by Southern Union consist of Basic, EMS 104, 105, 106 (12 credit hours) and Intermediate, EMS 110, 111, 112 (24 credit hours).

The Basic course includes classroom, clinical rotations and a medical terminology course. During this course the students become Basic Life Support Certified (CPR).

The Intermediate course consists of one quarter classroom, which includes electrocardiography; during the second quarter the student does 200 hours of clinical rotations in various hospital and pre-hospital units.

The EMS department encourages its students to work hard and study diligently to prepare them for State licensure which is given at the ending of each course.

The EMS department takes pride in the fact that to this point its students have a 98 percent licensure passing rate.



The children from Shelton State's child development center, under the direction of Dr. Allan Mallory, participated in a Halloween sing-along during Shelton State Days at McFarland Mall.

## Child Development Center

A child development center is a new project at Shelton State this fall, according to Arthur Howington, dean of the junior college division. The new center is a model program and is serving as a laboratory setting for Shelton State students enrolled in child development and early childhood education courses. Children of Shelton students, faculty and staff will have first priority in registering for the center.

The center serves 20 children ranging in ages from three to five years and will operate from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Activities appropriate for children's age levels and abilities mark the "play oriented curriculum," according to Dr. Allen Mallory, administrator of the program. Mallory, formerly the director of the child development center at Jacksonville State University, says the new center is staffed by himself, assistant director, faculty and Shelton State students. The students are those enrolled in early childhood education and child development course at Shelton.

An evening child care center is also open to serve young children of students taking evening courses at Shelton State.

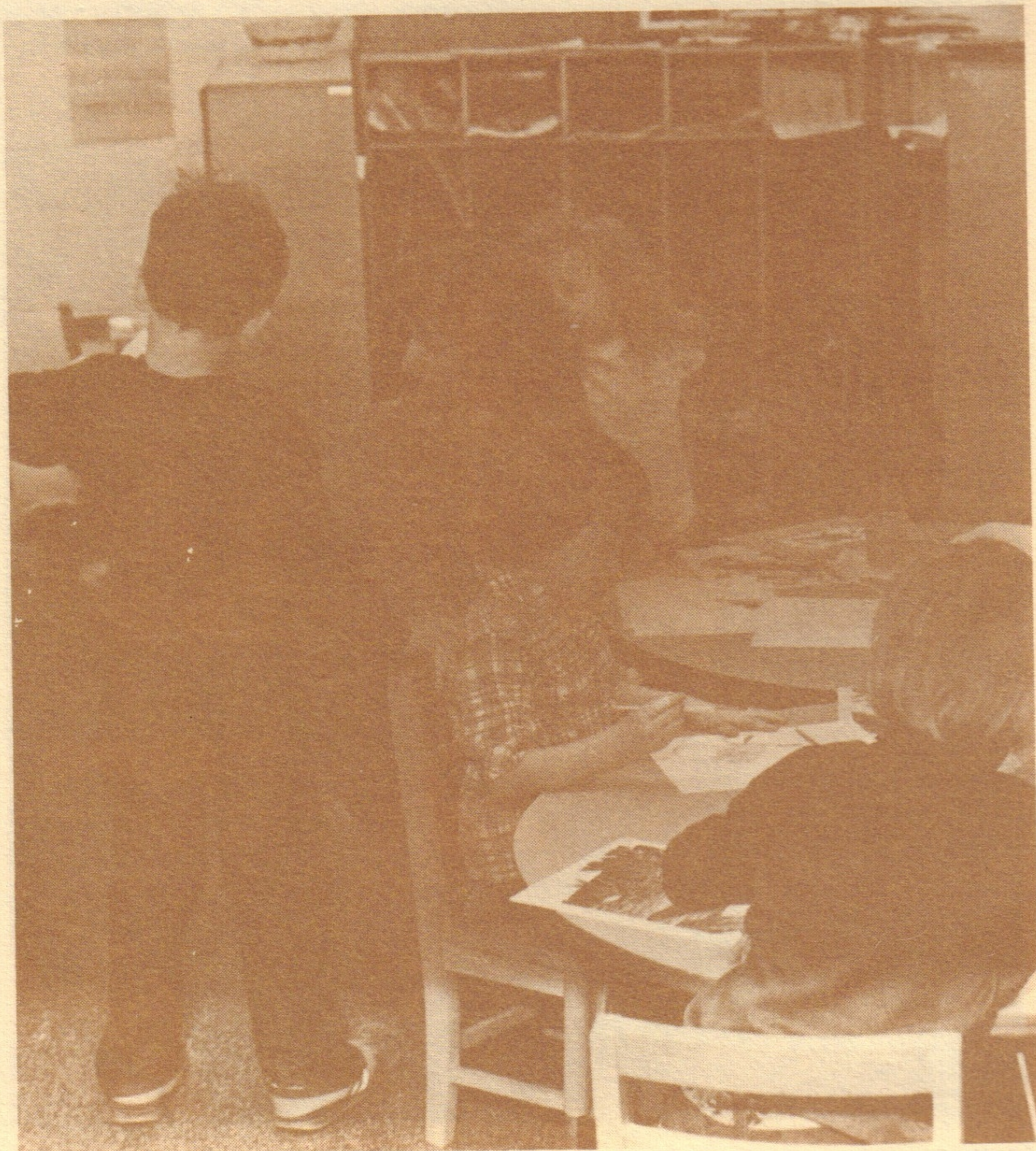
## G.C.W., Selma, Participating In Fulbright Exchange Grant

George Corley Wallace State Community College in Selma is the only educational institution in Alabama this year to be involved in a Fulbright Exchange Grant. The individual participating from Selma is Vaughan Hudson, an Instructor of English who is teaching at Waltham Forest College in England. Mr. Hudson's position at G.C.W. is being filled by Stephen Jones.

Correspondence from Mr. Hudson indicates that he is very grateful for the opportunity that this year abroad has afforded him. Not only has he been able to exchange ideas with British scholars in his field, but also he has been able to travel extensively. In addition to touring England, he visited Paris in the autumn and plans to accompany a group of students and colleagues to Russia this spring.

Mr. Hudson is not the only one who has benefited from the Fulbright Exchange Program. The entire campus at Wallace Community College as well as the community of Selma is thoroughly enjoying the presence of Stephen Jones, his wife Ester, and their two children, Ben and Anna. Mr. Jones has had much to share regarding life in England.





## Jefferson State Offers CDA Credentials

BIRMINGHAM, December 16, 1982 — With today's changing family styles including more single parent homes and more mothers working outside the home, appropriate child care can be one of the most important decisions parents have to face.

Certain specific competencies are considered essential and have been established by the Child Development Consortium, a division of the Office of Child Development under the Department of Health and Human Services.

The Child Development/Early Childhood Program at Jefferson State Junior College has been actively involved in the assessment of various persons who are receiving Child Development Associate credentials. A person who earns a CDA credential will hold an official document which testifies that the person is competent to work with children ages three to five in a group setting. The CDA is a person able to meet the specific needs of a group of children in a child development setting by nurturing children's physical, social, emotional and intellectual growth, by establishing and maintaining a proper child-care environment; and by promoting good relations between parents and the child-development center.

At Jefferson State, Susan Harney is the Coordinator of the Child Development/Early Childhood Program. She has served as an advisor for numerous teachers in the Jefferson County area and as a member of local assessment teams. Carolyn Densmore, Senior Secretary in the Division of Career Education at JSJC, is currently serving as a Parent-Community Representative on a Local Assessment Team.

## Academic Pep Rally At Shelton State

Dr. William C. Parker, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey, was the keynote speaker for an academic pep rally at Shelton State Junior College this fall.

In discussing the idea for an academic pep rally, Bessie German, director of the Talent Search program at Shelton, said she originally thought of an academic pep rally as a novel way to motivate students in achieving their goals and objectives. "Since the primary purpose of the Educational talent Search project at Shelton is to identify and

direct students in their higher educational goals," German said, "we felt like the pep rally idea would be a unique and useful tool."

If judging by the response of the students attending as indicative of the success of the event, then Shelton State's academic pep rally would have to be termed a tremendous success. The comments on the evaluation sheet ran, "excellent," "do this again," "the best I've ever heard."

In addition to Dr. Parker, other speakers for the one-day seminar included: Earnestine Jones, Sandra Russell Jackson, University of Alabama/Birmingham; Dr. Robert Comas, the University of Alabama; Dr. Eddie Johnson, Stillman College; Linda Chambers Harris, Diane Layton, Camille Cochrane, Guesna Dohrman, and Dr. Randall Jarrell, Shelton State. Topics covered were: "Helping the Helper," "The Fascinating World of Work," "Grooming Students for Non-traditional Careers," "Packaging Yourself: Mastering the Study Skills Needed for Survival in the Classroom," and "Anxiety/Depression."



## Recruiting Ideas From Wallace, Selma

A poor economy might well mean a rich opportunity for increasing enrollment among the state's junior colleges where low tuition rates coupled with the possibility of living at home attracts many budget minded students. Consequently, George Corley Wallace State Community College in Selma has intensified its recruiting efforts this year but not without a careful eye on its own budget. Perhaps the most successful innovation in recruiting has been a series of "College days" in which area high schools have sent their seniors to spend the day on campus. These "College days" have been carefully planned and executed by the faculty and staff to acquaint these potential college students with the programs, professionals, and facilities available to them at G.C.W. The format for each of the College days is essentially the same. The day begins with a reception in the student center where refreshments are served, the college band entertains, and the high school guests listen to a number of speakers, the most effective being successful alumni of the high school being hosted as well as G.C.W. After the reception, the high school seniors attend actual college classes as well as those in the technical division. Under the care of the Wallace Official Student Hosts and Hostesses as well as selected staff members, the seniors make brief visits to the library, the video studio as well as other learning laboratories. After lunch and musical entertainment by the Wallace Singers, the students are brought to the gym where they meet the baseball and basketball teams. A farewell address is usually delivered by an alumnus of the high school being hosted who is currently attending G.C.W. Each of the College days held thus far has brought positive feedback including requests for applications.